

The Bulletin.

(Reading Matter on Every Page.)

JOHN H. OBERLY, Editor.

Roscoe CONKLING of New York is the current Republican candidate for president.

The State of Kentucky is out of debt and has \$1,000,000 in her treasury. Kentucky can celebrate the Centennial with a clear conscience and a light heart.

The Financial Chronicle of last week gives a list of the railroads that have defaulted in the interests on their bonds since the panic of September, 1873, together with the amount of their bonds outstanding, respectively. There are 190 defaulting roads, and the bonds on which they have defaulted amount in the aggregate to \$783,067,067. The largest proportion, \$232,306,701, was defaulted on in 1874; the next largest proportion, \$150,233,000, in 1875; the amount defaulted on in 1876 was \$148,448,000. Of the total amount of bonds defaulted upon, \$533,045,000 is in default still. According to Poor's Manual the entire bonded debt of the railroads in the United States is \$2,000,000,000; so that about 30 per cent. of this is now in default. This is one of the most products of the system—brought to an end in 1873 by the panic—of building railroads a decade in advance of their needs.

HOW THEY VOTED

The vote of the Illinois delegation on the Centennial appropriation bill was as follows:

1. B. C. Canfield, dem.—No.
2. C. H. Harrison, dem.—Aye.
3. C. B. Farwell, rep.—Aye.
4. S. A. Harburt, rep.—Aye.
5. H. C. Burchard, rep.—No.
6. Alex. Campbell, ind.—No.
7. G. L. Fort, rep.—No.
8. R. H. Whiting, rep.—Aye.
9. John C. Bagley, dem.—No.
10. Scott Wike, dem.—No.
11. William M. Springer, dem.—No.
12. A. E. Stevenson, dem.—No.
13. James G. Cannon, rep.—No.
14. John R. Eden, dem.—No.
15. W. R. Morrison, dem.—No.
16. Wm. Hartzell, dem.—No.
17. W. B. Anderson, ind.—No.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE

Number 1051, for the week ending Jan. 29th, is the fifth weekly number of the new volume. It contains a Russian campaign in Holland, from the Edinburgh Review; Left-handed Elsa, Blackwood; Cornelian and the Literary Society of his Age, by the author of "Mirabau," Temple Bar; The Story of Monique, by Julia Karanagh; A Neglected Humorist, Temple Bar; A New Paper-making Machine, Chambers' Journal; How to Breathe Properly, Public Health; The Monasteries and the Poor Laws, The Month; Cheese Factories in the America, &c., together with the usual poetry and miscellany. The present is a favorable time to subscribe, beginning with the new volume. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each, (or more than 3,000 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8.) is low, or still better, for \$10.50 any one of the \$4 monthlies or weeklies is sent with The Living Age for a year, both prepaid. Littell & Gay, Boston, are the publishers.

COMMERCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Says the Quincy Whig, upon a subject interesting, not only to the city of New Orleans, but to the whole Mississippi valley:

"The necessity of a change in the commercial relations existing between the United States and the Mexican Republic, has long been apparent, and it is somewhat surprising that no remedial legislation has yet been had with a view to placing them on a better and more equitable basis. The proposition now is, as submitted by Mr. Gibson, a member of the house from Louisiana, that steps be taken towards holding a convention composed of representatives from both governments for the purpose of agreeing upon a reciprocal free list and rate of duties. In support of this proposition, Mr. Cyrus Bussey, president of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, writes Mr. Gibson that the time has now come when action in this matter cannot be delayed. Some way to the great southern markets of Mexico and the Spanish colonies, that are now practically inhibited to the surplus of American products, must be opened—some means devised to diminish the enormous specie export—estimated at the annual sum of \$175,000,000—that the balance of trade now shows, and the proposed convention would seem to be the wisest preliminary proceeding toward that end."

MARSHALL CRAIN'S PLAGIARISM

The "poem" read by Marshall Crain a few months previous to his execution, has been widely copied in the papers of Southern Illinois. The lines are published just as they were copied by the reporters from Crain's own manuscript, he having insisted that no corrections of punctuation, capitalization or of grammatical errors should be made. From this circumstance it would seem that Crain's rhymes were original, and that his pride of authorship extended even to the bad grammar, lower case letters and incorrect orthography. But the "poem" was not original, and neither was his idea of cultivating the masses and reading to the people assembled to witness his taking off, the result of his writings. He had a prototype in the person of Mr. William Delaney, a noted desperado, who some two months ago explained the crime of murder on the gallows in New York. Crain we think, must have read of Delaney's rhyming propensities and of the attention he attracted to himself because of them, and determined that writing a poem would add something to the act with which he himself would swing. He not

only copied Delaney's idea, but some of his stanzas. Delaney's last rhyme contained the following:

It was Officer Smith who swore my life away,
But my curse is upon him, by night and by day,
I had a pucker jury,
And I got a death warrant,
For to find me guilty they were fully bent.

My trial is over, my sentence is past,
A verdict of guilty my jury found fast;
On the death of December my life will depart,
Which will leave my aged father
With a broken heart.

I fear not the gallows,
Or I fear not to die;
When my soul goes to Heaven
With the angels will fly,
And when on the gallows
These words I will say:
Good people around me,
For my poor soul pray.

In Crain's edition we find some verses similar and others identical with these:

Dear friends from you must part
My life on earth will leave to-day
Leave dear little wife with broken heart
My love with thee I cannot stay

It was the judge who swore my life away
To prison he sent me and I
My love is upon him night and day
But to hang me was his intent

My trial is over the day he said
To get me from this life
On the death of December my life will depart
And I to part from my little wife.

I fear not the gallows
Or I fear not to die
When my soul goes to Heaven
With the angels will fly

And when on the gallows
These words I will say
Good people around me
For my poor soul pray

The concluding portion of Crain's poem, including seven or eight stanzas, is evidently a mutilated copy. The parts which are strictly original, denote a dearth of mind, feeling and education.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, for January, 1876, has been republished by the LEONARD SCOTT PUBLISHING CO., 41 Barclay Street, N. Y. The contents are as follows:

The Dilemma—Part IX.
In my Study Chair—No. 11.
Left-handed Elsa—Conclusion.
Lace and Brice-brac.

Lace and Brice-brac.
Bee or Beatrix.
The First Step in Army Reform.
Public Affairs.

In this part of "The Dilemma," the scene changes to England, and nearly all the old characters are lost sight of.

The gentleman who sits in his study chair and talks about old school-books, discourses at length on the advantages of devoting a good deal of time to the study of Greek and Roman classics. He particularly admires Aristophanes. The article ends with an account of and quotations from some of the Oxford prize poems.

"Left-handed Elsa" is finished. It ends with a smash, a death, and a marriage, but fails to account for the mystery of the murder.

"Lace and Brice-brac" is a very interesting notice of a couple of books—"La Dentelle," by M. Joseph Seguin, and "Hall's Brice-brac Hunter." The origin of lace-making is unknown, but it was probably the outgrowth of the embroidery which formed the occupation and amusement of the ladies who, in medieval times, held daily sewing bees with their maidens through the long winters.

Its history is traced through the improvements made in this lace, wrought entirely with the needle, and the much finer kinds made on cushions, down to the common machine lace, newest and poorest of the family. The dissertation on Brice-brac that follows, announces that "among the motives for marriage nowadays, one of the strongest must be allowed to be (for those who can afford the luxury) the ambition of furnishing a house in some altogether aesthetical and exquisite way, with a perfection which no one has attained before," and questions the taste of decorating parlor walls with old plates and cheap Japanese fans. It does not, however, speak slightly of real Brice-brac nor its admirers, who require "real knowledge, memory, and quick perspective power to become connoisseurs even in china."

"Bee or Beatrix" is a pretty little story, something in the style of "Nan," which proved to be such pleasant reading for August.

"The First Step in Army Reform" refers to orders issued to the Horse Guards concerning the assembling and placing the British army hastily, in case invasion should render such a proceeding necessary. The scheme, which is explained in detail, is considered good, as far as it goes, but "the true defensive is a vigorous offensive—a maxim which England has always acted on before."

The near approach of the opening of parliament makes it desirable to review matters at home and abroad. The article on "Public Affairs" treats of the legislation of the last session, the state of trade, the threatened war with China, the Turkish troubles, the Suez canal, and many other topics of more or less interest.

The periodicals reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing company (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: The London Quarterly, Edinburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Magazine. Price, \$1 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the publishers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

—Jonathan Earle, treasurer of the Norfolk and New Brunswick (N. J.) Hosiery company, is a defaulter to the amount of \$124,000.

mittee is composed almost exclusively of federal officials—the controlling power in the Republican party in Virginia—this action may be regarded as indicating that the vote of that State in the national convention will be cast for Blaine.

—A letter has been published recently, which is interesting in view of the old cry of "secession," which has been started against the Democratic party of late. It was written in 1861, and is from a private soldier in the Union army to Col. Tom Scott, then assistant secretary of war, and it consists of an urgent recommendation to promote "Pap" Thomas to the position of brigadier general. It was through this letter that Thomas received his first promotion. The private soldier who wrote it is the Hon. Samuel J. Randall, a life-long Democrat, and now chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the House.

—Exchange: A few days ago William Henson, a young man living near Norris City, discovered a tree fallen across the track of the Cairo and Vincennes railroad, near Norris City. He promptly put flags on each side of the obstacle to warn approaching trains, and thereby prevented the wreck of the freight train then due, and probably saved the lives of the employees and passengers. The fact having been brought to the notice of Major Morrill, he at once issued to Mr. Henson a complimentary pass for the year, accompanied by a letter of thanks for the important service rendered to the road and to the public.

WASHINGTON

Likelihood of Pinchback Being Admitted to the Senate.

Death of Representative Starkweather of Connecticut.

The Democratic Executive Committee Decides on an Early Campaign.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Henry H. Starkweather, representative in congress from Connecticut, died here this morning. Mr. Starkweather was conspicuous to the last, and conversed with Mrs. Starkweather, who arrived this morning at 6, two hours before her husband's death.

PINCH AT LAST IN GUCK.

The senate committee on privileges and elections this morning, after prolonged discussion, decided to report back to the senate the papers purporting to be the credentials of the election of J. B. Euflis as Senator from Louisiana, with recommendation that they lie on the table without further action, because the committee find that at the time of his alleged election there was no vacancy. The report was determined on by the vote of Morton, Logan, Mitchell and McMillan against Sutherland, Merrimon and Cooper. Messrs. Wadsworth and Cameron of Wisconsin were absent. The inference intended by the majority to be drawn from this report is that the Kellogg government was the de jure government and that Pinchback was legally elected.

A meeting of the National Democratic Executive committee was held at Arlington tonight. Augustus Schell, chairman.

On motion of Senator Randolph of New Jersey, it was resolved to begin an early and active organization of the Democratic party throughout the United States for the campaign of '76.

BISMARCK'S AUTOGRAPH

How a Michigan Girl Obtained It.

The Grand Rapids (Michigan) Eagle prints an extract from a letter written in Berlin, by a daughter of a resident of Grand Rapids, to Edward T. Stoughton of the same city. She says:

Among my Christmas presents was a beautiful autograph album, bound in black and silver. I said immediately this shall be distinctly German. I took a book to it with a delightful souvenir of this winter passed in Berlin. "Oh, if I only could have Bismarck's autograph! I do admire him so much." Everybody laughed at me, and said perhaps some of the officers could procure for me a document which he had signed. But I thought it would be much nicer to have something directly from him, so one day I sent the following note, in English, so as to make more impression:

"To His Highness Prince Bismarck: A young American girl who, during two winters passed in Germany, has learned to love Don Vaterland, would feel inexpressibly honored to be able to carry back to America the autograph of the greatest living statesman. Begging that this request may not be considered most unwarranted intrusion, with the deepest respect."

"I thought it very improbable that I should receive any answer. No longer, if you can, my delight, when a large envelope was brought by the postman yesterday, with Bismarck's own private arms in a great red seal on the back. Enclosed was my note with the written with a large, striking hand on the blank side of the paper:

"I am sorry to state that I can not do, even for a young lady, what I have often refused to those of older years."

Was it not cunning in him to send his autograph while refusing to send it? Every one thinks he must have been intensely amused at me having the courage to write and that "the greatest living statesman," and my name, Lorraine, which I took pains to write very distinctly, increased the effect. I am glad too, that he returned my note, and shall paste letter, seal and all into my book; so I shall have the whole extent of the correspondence.

Bleeding from Lungs, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Consumption. A Wonderful Cure.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1871.
R. V. POLICE, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.:
DEAR SIR—I had suffered from Catarrh in an aggravated form for about twelve years and for several years from bronchial trouble. Tried many doctors and things with no lasting benefit. In May, 72, becoming nearly worn out with excessive editorial labors on a paper in New York City, I was attacked with bronchitis in a severe form, suffering almost a total loss of voice. I returned home here, but had been home only two weeks when I was completely prostrated with hemorrhage from the lungs, having four severe bleeding spells within two weeks, and lost three inside of nine days. In the September following, I improved sufficiently to be able to be about, though in a very feeble state. My bronchial trouble remained and the catarrh was troubled worse than before. Every effort for relief seemed fruitless. I seemed to be losing ground daily. I continued in this

feeble state, raising blood almost daily until about the first of March, 73, when I became so bad as to be entirely confined to the house. A friend suggested your remedies. But I was extremely skeptical that they would do me good, as I had lost all heart, rumbles, and began to look upon medicine and doctors with disgust. However, I obtained one of your circulars, and read it carefully, from which I came to the conclusion that you understood your business, at least. I finally obtained a quantity of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, your Golden Medical Discovery and Pellets, and commenced their vigorous use according to directions. To my surprise, I soon began to improve. The Discovery and Pellets, in a short time, brought out a severe eruption, which continued for several weeks. I felt much better, my appetite improved, and gained in strength and flesh. In three months every vestige of catarrh was gone, the hemorrhages had nearly disappeared, all cough whatever and I had quite ceased to raise blood; and, contrary to the expectation of some of my friends, the cure has remained permanent. I have had no more hemorrhages from my lungs, and am entirely free from catarrh, from which I had suffered so much all so long. The debt of gratitude I owe to the blessing I have received at your hands, knows no bounds. I am thoroughly satisfied, from my experience, that your medicines will counter the worst type of that odious disease Catarrh, as well as throat and lung diseases. I have recommended them to very many and shall ever speak in their praise.

Respectfully yours,
W. H. SUGRIVER,
P. O. Box 57, Rochester, N. Y.
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EVER NEWS

Port List.

ARRIVED.
Steamer City of Chester, Memphis.
• Andy Johnson, New Orleans.
• City of Quincy, St. Louis.
• Al Stevens, South.
• Andy Baum, Cincinnati.
• H. S. Turner, Cincinnati.
• Belle of Memphis, St. Louis.
DEPARTED.
Steamer City of Chester, St. Louis.
• Andy Johnson, St. Louis.
• City of Quincy, New Orleans.
• Al Stevens, St. Louis.
• Andy Baum, Memphis.
• H. S. Turner, New Orleans.
• Belle of Memphis, Memphis.

RIVER, WEATHER AND BUSINESS.
—The Ohio river rose two feet in the past 24 hours.

—The weather was very cold.

—Business was quiet.

GENERAL ITEMS

—The Andy Johnson arrived with 700 tons from New Orleans, yesterday morning. She got nothing on I went on to St. Louis.

—The following dispatches were received in this city yesterday:
CRATYVILLE, Jan. 27th, 3 p.m.
"Wabash just now reported seven feet below last year's rise."

VINCENNES, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.
The Wabash river lacks 7½ feet, and the White river 5 feet of high water mark of last summer, and rising slowly. Will be on a stand by to-morrow.

MR. CANNEL, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m.
The Wabash lacks 8 feet of being as high as in August last, and rising slowly to-day. While river is also rising slowly, but it is thought neither of the rivers will raise much more.

—Judge Baker in the Alexander county court, yesterday issued a restraining order, preventing the Cairo and St. Louis railroad company from coming into the city over the new Mississippi levee, thereby making happy the entire community.

—The Turner Telegraphed from Paducah yesterday: "Wind bound, helps out." The tug Cache and an improved stomach pump were at once sent to her aid.

—The Andy Baum was due from Cincinnati for Memphis last night, but failed to make her appearance up to six o'clock.

—The Bannock City was sold at Louisville on Thursday, and was bought by a Mr. Perry of Warsaw, Kentucky. He paid \$1,000 for her.

The Vicksburg, Capt. Robert K. Riley, will leave St. Louis on Tuesday evening for Vicksburg.

—Another big coal fleet has just left Pittsburgh for the South.

—Pilot Joe McCullough went to Cincinnati on the Commonwealth Friday afternoon.

—The Future City and barges will be out from St. Louis for New Orleans to-morrow.

—The Charles Morgan left Cincinnati for New Orleans yesterday morning. She had a large list of passengers.

—The Arkansas Belle, Capt. Ben. Howard, from Evansville, will be here this afternoon.

—James Davis and James Carroll are plotting the City of Quincy.

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—No. 19 (corner), \$12 50—7 rooms.

—Cottage on Sixth street, near Washington avenue—4 rooms—\$10 a month.

—Store room in "Pilot House," lately occupied by A. Halley.

—A good farm with good houses, opposite Cairo—Haves farm—cheap.

—A small house, near Pine, \$4 per month.

—Dwelling house on Twelfth, near Walnut, 6 rooms.

—Store room on Levee, above Eighth street—\$20 per month.

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